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: [redacted]

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25X1A : [redacted]

INFO: [redacted]

: Administrative/Personnel
: Presence of Dependents of Station Personnel

25X1A REFERENCES : [redacted] 2133; [redacted] 2396 25X1A

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1. Subsequent to [redacted] discussions with you during his recent TDY trip, the whole matter of whether or not dependents could be allowed to join station personnel in the overseas area has been exhaustively reviewed in Headquarters. It has been decided that the general policy as outlined in reference A is to be adhered to.

2. As you are aware, it was necessary in the early stages of the Project to make a decision whether or not dependents should be permitted to accompany sponsors during overseas tours of duty. At that time it was decided, for overriding operational and security considerations, that we should staff the Project with personnel who would proceed overseas for an 18-month tour of duty without dependents. This decision was translated into recruitment requirements and, insofar as contractor and [redacted] 25X1A personnel are concerned, into increased financial remuneration to make such a tour of duty attractive. All personnel - be they contractor, 25X1A [redacted], ODDUNIT or KUBARK - have been continuously briefed on this requirement of separation from dependents.

3. Although the basic decision evolved from a concept of a highly mobile and flexible detachment organization which might operate from areas where suitable housing, medical facilities, recreational possibilities, and other amenities of life might not be available for dependents, we were also concerned with the morale and security implications resulting from possible sudden movements of the sponsors from one country to another, and the inability of dependents to accompany the sponsor on such moves. We believe that this situation is amply illustrated by the present circumstances of [redacted] - i.e., the unit may move in stages from [redacted] 25X1A 25X1A

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to [redacted] and even on to [redacted]. We are sure that you will recognize with us the personal and administrative complications which would now face you and your personnel if dependents of personnel should already be in [redacted]. In the particular situation of [redacted] the whole aspect of this unit's deployment has, of course, taken a very different turn in the past several weeks.

4. In view of the above, we see no possibility of changing the already existing policy that dependents cannot be allowed in the country in which the detachment is stationed. We also wish to implement a policy which strongly discourages visits of dependents to the particular theater of operations, with the exception that where a sponsor can suitably plan in advance for an extended period of leave (two to four weeks, for example), we will not interfere with visits of dependents to neighboring countries where the sponsor might wish to spend such leave. It should be carefully pointed out to all personnel, however, that although every effort will be made by the Detachment to permit the fulfillment of such prescheduled leave plans, operational requirements may force a cancellation of such plans at the last minute. It should also be emphasized that such overseas visits by dependents are purely at the expense of the individuals concerned and that all travel and other arrangements must be made on a personal and individual basis.

5. In the case of [redacted], it is believed that the presence of the wife's family in a neighboring country sets this case apart from the normal visits of other dependents. We would certainly have no objection to her visiting her family, and we believe that every consideration should be given [redacted] to take advantage of leave opportunities in order that he may visit her during such family visit. In this case also, it should be understood that the wife does not have approval to visit [redacted] in [redacted] or later in [redacted].

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